

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendments, claims 21-39 will be pending in the present application. Claims 1-20 have been cancelled. New claims 21-39 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found in the claims as originally filed and in the specification. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any of the cancelled claims in a continuation application. The specification has been amended to include serial numbers for related applications. The drawings have been amended to add reference numerals. No new matter has been added.

Objections to the Drawings

In the Office action, the Examiner states:

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: figure 2 is missing reference numbers 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, and 216.

(June 21, 2006 Office action, pg. 2).

Figure 2 has been amended to include the missing reference numerals noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections

Previously pending claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,651,093 to Wiedeman et al. (hereinafter "Wiedeman").

New claim 21 recites “binding the MAC address of the SUT to an MTSN (machine type serial number) directory for the SUT, the MTSN directory comprising a process state file built based on a customer order associated with the SUT.”

In the Office action, the Examiner states:

Wiedeman . . . discloses . . . parsing (as is inherent for network communication and know in the art) a boot request packet (IPX packet) to extract a MAC address of the SUT (column 6, lines 2-12), and binding the MAC address and an MTSN (machine-type-serial-number) directory name (column 5, lines 17-33 and column 7, lines 36-57).

(June 21, 2006 Office action, pg. 7).

Wiedeman is directed to “a method and apparatus for dynamically connecting an SUT to and disconnecting an SUT from a private VLAN in a computer manufacturing environment” (col. 2, lns. 37-40).

The first cited passage of Wiedeman states:

In one embodiment, each computer system to be manufactured is identified by a unique barcode. When an order is taken for a computer system, configuration information for the system is stored in a file identified by the system’s barcode (“barcode file”). Such configuration information may include, for example, the type of hardware to be included in the system, as well as the type of operating system and applications software to be preinstalled thereon. If custom configuration is required, for example, if the system is to be configured as a DHCP server, the barcode file for the system will include an SI number. During a stepmaker process, the barcode file for a system is used to create a “step diskette” therefore. The step diskette includes computer-executable instructions for causing various configuration and testing processes to be performed with respect to the system.

(Col. 5, lns. 17-33).

The second cited passage of Wiedeman states:

FIG. 7A illustrates a DVLAN database connection process 700 with respect to an SUT, such as the SUT 301. In step 702, the first service 220 requests an SUT connect and sends the barcode and MAC address of the SUT 301 to the DVLAN database 224b. In step 704, the DVLAN database 224b queries the BRM database 224a, using the barcode provided by the first service 220, to obtain from the BRM database the SI number of the SUT 301. In step 706, SI account tables 226 (FIG. 2) of the DVLAN database 224b are queried to determine, based on the SI number obtained in step 704, what VLAN the SUT 301 is to be connected to. In step 708, the connect request is stored in the DVLAN database 224b. In step 710, the second service 222 sees the connect request and sets the status of the SUT 301 in the DVLAN database 224b to "Waiting for Switch File Update." In step 712, after the switch file is written, the second service 222 sets the status of the SUT 301 in the DVLAN database 224b to "Switch File Written." In step 714, the first service 220 sees that the switch file 600 has been written and forwards an acknowledgement to the waiting SUT 301. In step 716, the first service 220 sets the status of the SUT 301 in the DVLAN database 224b to "Connected."

(Col. 7, lns. 36-57).

As seen from above, the first cited passage of Wiedeman does not even mention a MAC address and although the second cited passage of Wiedeman mentions a MAC address, it does not disclose, teach, or suggest binding the MAC address to anything. In addition, it is unclear from the Office action, what element in Wiedeman, if any, is being construed by the Examiner as disclosing the "MTSN directory" recited in claim 21. Applicant respectfully submits that Wiedeman does not disclose, teach, or suggest, and the Examiner has not cited any passage of Wiedeman as disclosing, teaching, or suggesting, an "MTSN directory comprising a process state file built based on a customer order associated with the SUT" as recited in claim 21.

Therefore, based at least on the reasons above, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 21, and the claims that depend therefrom, are not anticipated by Wiedeman. Given that claims 28 and 35 each recites elements similar to those of claim 21, it is respectfully submitted that


those claims, and the claims that depend therefrom, are not anticipated by Wiedeman for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is believed to be warranted and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawing includes changes to FIG. 2 and replaces the original sheet including FIG. 2. In FIG. 2, references numerals 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, and 214 have been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet